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Sir :

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98, Applicants hereby bring to the Examiner's attention an English language version of the International Preliminary Examination Report, which was issued in connection with International Patent Application No. PCT/JP04/000046, of which the present application is the U.S. National Stage Application. A copy of the Japanese International Preliminary Examination Report was enclosed with the papers when entering the U.S. National Stage on January 7, 2004.

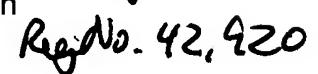
The Examiner is invited to review these materials to ascertain the International Examiner's opinion on patentability.

A Copy of the English version of the International Preliminary Report is enclosed. The Examiner is accordingly requested to consider this document, and to make it of record in this application.

Applicants note that an Office Action on the merits has not issued in the present application, and thus no fee is believed necessary to ensure consideration of the submitted material. However, if an Office Action on the merits has issued and is crossing this statement in the mail, the undersigned hereby authorizes the Commissioner to charge any fee necessary for the consideration of this statement, including any payment under 37 C.F.R. §1.17 (p) to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

Should there be any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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